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reference, is critical to the invention of *Tanaka, et al.* There is no indication and one would not expect that engine speed would be more accurately produced by an alternator than by an engine speed sensor or a tachometer. Indeed, while *Ross, et al.* indicates that alternator signals might provide convenience and more immediate indication of engine speed, there is no indication in *Ross, et al.* that an alternator could provide the necessary accuracy of engine speed required by *Tanaka, et al.* For this reason, independent claims 1, 10 and 19 as well as their dependents, claims 2-9, 11-14, 17-18 and 21, stand in condition for allowance.

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